SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*) : Was any expert consulted at the time when Government entered into the contract ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Yes, an expert was consulted.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): May I know the name of that gentleman ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*) : Mr. Chari himself.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*) : Had he any concern with the Company then ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*) : No, only later on he had.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*) : May I know, Sir, the proportion of the working capital contributed by the Travancore Government to the Sugars to the total contribution ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*) : Government have paid for the shares and also advanced loans.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*) : I want to know the proportion.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*) : I claim notice.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know the powers of Government in the working of the Company ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*) : The Government members are on the Board and in the conduct of the business of the Company the Government representatives have got powers as members of the Board.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Can they look into the accounts of the Company ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Along with the Board they may examine the accounts.

Grant-in-aid to the Atmananda Vilasom Sanskrit School.

269. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Manager of the Atmananda Vilasom Sanskrit School at Thazhakkara in the Mavelikara taluk has represented to the Director of Public Instruction the difficulties experienced by him owing to non-payment of grant to the institution ;

(*b*) the date from which the Manager has been running the school without grant-in-aid and

(*c*) whether the Director has passed any order sanctioning the grant-in-aid for the school ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 5-2-1109.

(*c*) No.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With reference to the answer to part (c), may I know the reason for not sanctioning the grant?

MR. C. V CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Want of funds.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether grant will be given after the supplementary demand is allowed?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir. Supplementary grant is intended mainly for Primary schools.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*). May I know whether any attempt was made by the Director to get sanction of funds for these schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes; year after year additional funds were asked for but on account of the financial stringency the allotment has been restricted.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): When the school was started in 1109, may I know whether the Director approached the Government for further grant for the purpose of giving aid to these Schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Year after year in the annual budget a larger allotment is asked for under this head.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): And are larger allotments made?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, not during the last few years on account of financial stringency.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has the Director felt that it is urgently necessary that such schools must be given grant-in-aid?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag Director of Public Instruction*) No, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the Director has gone through the accounts of this school and ascertained whether the authorities of the school experience difficulties in conducting the school?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I might inform the honourable member that the Manager was allowed to start the school on the definite assurance given by him that he will not ask for grant so long as the financial stringency lasts.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Was there any understanding between the parties as to the period for which financial stringency will last?

PRESIDENT: No.

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